(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) The Government of India is concerned about the ISI misusing the Nepalese territory and the open India-Nepal border for activities inimical to India's interest.

The Indo-Nepal border has historically been an open border with a passport/visa free travel regime for the nationals of the two countries. There is no proposal with the Government to change the open nature of this border. However, in view of the recent misuse of this border, vigilance has been strengthened. Additional intelligence posts have been sanctioned for this border recently. Measures have also been taken to enhance bilateral cooperation with Nepal in security matters. As a result many terrorist conspiracies, sponsored by Pakistan, have been neutralised in recent years.

Liquor at Door Step

4745. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled "Government proposes liquor at door step and more" as appeared in the "Indian Express", dated 9th February, 2000;

(b) whether the decision to home delivery of liquor in the capital would not prove another major problem to the police personnel as also of law abiding/ senior citizens rather than more excise revenue to Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government would stop such a malafide motive and wrong decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have reported that no such decision has been taken.

(c) Does not arise.

Failure of Local Police in Handling Immigration at Atari

4746. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the taskof handling immigration entrusted to the local police has been found lacking to contain the growing numbers of subversive and spies at Atari;

(b) whether it is also a fact that among three points-Wagha (by road), Atari (by rail) and Rajasansi (by air), the sensitivity of atari post has reently been realised with detention of large consignment of fake currency notes, arms and narcotics brought from Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the increasing incidents of smuggling of arms, drugs, fake Indjan currency and subversive elements at attari from across the border. With a view to improve the immigration work at Atari, Wagha and Rajasansi check posts in Amritsar district it has been decided to take over the immigration as well as registration functions for foreigners there by the Bureau of Immigration under Central Government from the State Police.

Militants Surrendered in Assam

4747. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of surrendered militants registered in Assam, year-wise since the inception of surrender programme;

(b) the list of rehabilitation package in operation and proposed;

(c) whether a special scheme of Margin Money was introduced in Assam during 1992-1997 for rehabilitation of surrendered militants;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme, amount of money released, number of militants availed and kind of self- employment avenues created; and

(e) the reaction of Government to ihe proposal of the Assam Government for reimbursement by the centre of the accumulated loan burden, now being borne by the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.